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On 18 February, the "National Guardian" sponsored a public meeting in New York City's Town Hall, featuring Mrs. Marguerite OSWALD, mother of Lee OSWALD and her lawyer, Mark LANE. About 1500 people were on hand to hear the speakers profess OSWALD's innocence. LANE, who spoke first, played a talpe recording he said had been made by a Dallas school teacher who witnessed the assassination of President Kennedy. The woman said she heard shots ckome from an over-pass ahead of the Presidents's car. KXX LANE said this meant the fatal shots had not come from the warehouse in whihh police had placed OSWALD at the time of the shooting.

The "National Guardian" was required to deposit $25,000 in cash to cover possible damage to Town Hall premises. Objections were raised by James AARONSON, the newspaper's editor. who insisted that the usual rental fee of $600 had been confirmed by a letter and check on 14 January, after arrangements had beem made by telephone. Town Hall officials insisted on the $25,000 bond on the ground that Mrs. OSWALD's appearance "cou,d be incendiary". The controversaey was settled when AARONSON deposited the money in negotiable bonds and cashier's checks in f bank against the Town Hall claims. AARONSON reportedly raised the money from four persons, but he did not give their name.

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